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PLAN CONSTRUCTION OF MAT HYDROELECTRIC POWER PLANT

The Council of Ministers of the People's Republic of Albania and the Politburo of the Central Committee of the Albanian Communist Party have ordered the building of a hydroelectric power station on the Mat River as part of the 1951 - 1955 Five-Year Plan. By 1955, it will have a capacity of 20,000 kilowatts and will produce 100 million kilowatt-hours of electric power per year. Its 100,000-volt line, about 150 kilometers long, which will be built by the end of 1955, will run from Ulze to Tirana, Elbasan, Cerik, and Stalin City.

This power network will be connected with the Mat Power Plant, the power plant of the Stalin Textile Combine, the Stalin Hydroelectric Power Plant, and the projected steam-electric power plant for the oil refinery. By 1955, secondary high-voltage lines of 35,000, 10,000, and 6,000 volts will be built and in operation. This system will supply energy to Tirana, the oil refinery mentioned above, the Stalin Oil Combine, Rubig, Bulqize, Durres, the Krrabe coal mines and the Selenice oil fields. The Mat Hydroelectric Power Plant will open possibilities for supplying electric power to Shkoder, Lesh, Rreshe. Burrel, Peshkopi, Shengjin, Mılot, Mamuras, Kavaje, Rrogozhine, Lushnje, Fier, Berat and elsewhere

A dam will be built, 50-55 meters high and about 250 meters long. About 180,000 cubic meters of concrete will poured, four times more than at Selite. About 500,000 cubic meters of brick will be used. An artificial lake with an area of about 20 square kilometers will be built. It will collect some 10 million cubic meters of water.

Use will be made of modern machinery, a cement factory, excavators, and special narrow-gauge trains for transporting material such as sand, rock, and gravel. Fy such means the Mat Power Plant will be finished by 1955, a short period considering the technical conditions of Albania.

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